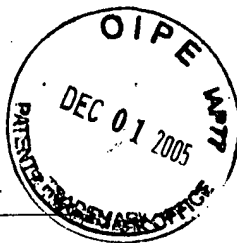


"Express Mail" Label No. EV720990008US

Date of Deposit December 1, 2005



PATENT

Attorney Docket No.: 040159-000000US

Client Ref. No.: 36061-0009

I hereby certify that this is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to:

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

By: Aurora Lowell

Aurora Lowell

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

H.-Rudi Kroeker et al.

Application No.: 10/644,661

Filed: August 19, 2003

For: COOLING SYSTEM FOR A  
TRUNNION RING AND  
METALLURGICAL FURNACE  
VESSEL

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 6425

Examiner: Scott R. Kastler

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1742

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop RCE

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 2, 2005, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.